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## Sometime.

Sometimes in the beautiful future,  
When the lessons of life are all learned,  
And we turn from the school by the  
wayside,  
Each wearing the laurels we've earned,  
We shall know why when toiling and  
striving,  
The Master withheld from our grasp  
The thing which we strove for the  
hardest,  
Those toys which we longed most to  
clasp.  
We shall know why to some there was  
meted  
Life's sorrows, its anguish and pain;  
Why our vain hopes, our sore disap-  
pointments  
And losses to others brought gain.  
And why upon some there was lavished  
With generous, bountiful hand,  
Earth's richest and choicest of blessings  
So widely spread over the land.  
I am sure in the beautiful future,  
When the lessons of life are all done,  
We shall turn from the school by the  
wayside,  
Each wearing the crown we have won,  
For we look now through glass that is  
darkened,  
But then we shall see face to face:  
We shall know as we are know at the  
dawning,  
And dwell in the light of his grace.

## Miami Valley Items.

April 5th, our regular meeting day at Miamisburg, we organized a Sunday School. The attendance for an organization was more than we expected. We look forward to an interesting school. The school will commence in earnest on the 29th, inst., with Bro. N. B. Johnson and Daniel Beachly as active leaders.

On last Sunday, the 29th, according to program, we, that is our whole family, went to Winchester, to the dedication of the new church. The weather was not very favorable. But with all that we had more than we could accommodate comfortably.

It did us much good to meet with those whom we had not met with for so long. Many tender memories were stirred up. The hearty welcome we received from all made us feel good, and helped to smooth many of the disagreeable experiences that seem to be the lot of humanity.

The new house has been a long time under headway. But now the trouble is all over. The brethren have a house that is a credit to them, and they all feel happy.

The house is not quite finished yet. The painting of the outside and a new bell is all that is necessary to its entire completion. Of course the house can be used for worship without these. And even these will be attended to at once.

The cost of the house was \$2,574.71, and the amount of money subscribed \$1,986.66, leaving a deficit of \$588.65. After the sermon, from Acts 7:47, 48, we tried the liberality of the congregation. The response was all that could be expected; nearly \$400.00 was donated that day.

Services were held in the evening, but on account of the heavy rain the house was not filled, as in the morning.

At such momentous events we cannot expect every thing to run smoothly. A sister in honor of the great event that may happen only once in the history of a community, had to purchase a fine

turkey to cheer the hearts of her friends who would be fortunate enough to be her guests on that occasion. But alas, for the frailty of the lower creation, the poor turkey began to pine away. Whether this was the result of the several postponements was a question that could not be satisfactorily decided. Notwithstanding coal oil and pepper, sulphur and lard, and bathing of feet, the poor animal laid down and died just after the last postponement. Died of a broken heart is the common verdict.

Bro. Tombaugh was compelled to attend his appointment at West Alexandria in the evening so he could not be with us.

The Brethren at Farmersville, Winchester and West Alexandria were very fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Tombaugh for this year. He is full of energy, and has the kind of a disposition that will make him many friends.

The next great event of the season is the S. S. Convention. In conversation with the chairman of the Executive Committee I was told that the program is all made out.

Bro. Brown is the chairman this year. It will take place at Fairview, Friday, June 15th. Saturday afternoon and evening sessions will be devoted to the Missionary cause. We hope the Brethren churches of Ohio will make their arrangements so that there will be a general turn out. This annual gathering should be used as much as possible to increase our acquaintance and develop brotherly love.

Any of our ministers who expect to take advantage of the low rates to visit friends in the vicinity of the next German Baptist Annual meeting should let Bro. Summers know so that he can make some appointments for them. Pure gospel preaching may do good at that time.

EDWARD MASON.

## Lathrop, Cal.

I will now tell you more about our good meeting just closed. Bro. S. H. Bashor came to Lathrop on the last day of March, and began the meeting on the evening of 1st of April, in the Union Church at this place, and closed on the evening of the 15th. The people became interested in the meetings on the start, which continued throughout as had never been known here before. Men indifferent, and careless about religion, who scarcely ever attend services, except on funeral occasions, were quite regular in attendance, and were not ashamed to take front seats either. Bro. Bashor acquitted himself most nobly, showing that he is still, as has been so often demonstrated in the past, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He has yet, the enthusiasm of his youth, and in addition the experience, and culture of mature years. As a result of the meeting thus far, 12 made the good confession, and 8 of the number were baptized yesterday. Three middle aged

ladies, 4 were young ladies and one young man. We feel they will do honor to the Lord's cause, and receive a blessing which none can take from them. We all feel good over this effort, and unite in thanking our brother and friend, for his labor of love among us.

In the beginning of the meeting it soon became evident that the church did not contain seats enough to accommodate the people who would attend. The church heretofore had only been partly seated with chairs, so regular church pews were purchased on the installment plan and placed in the church. Now the house is furnished with good seats, and all who come can be comfortably accommodated. Last night brother Bashor lectured to a large and appreciative audience. Subject, "Pulpit Reminiscences," or some of the funny incidents of a clergyman's life. The lecture abounded in amusing stories, told as but few can tell them, as coming in the personal experience of our brother as a traveling evangelist. Everybody seemed well pleased, and felt they had enjoyed a treat, as well as to help to pay for the seats just placed in the church.

The following is a notice taken from the "Lathrop Junction," a weekly newspaper of this place:

Rev. S. H. Bashor of Pasadena, formerly of Iowa, is holding a series of meetings at the Union Church, and is creating much religious interest in the community. He is the most forcible and fluent speaker that has ever visited this section of country. His manner of address is new and pleasing, and he therefore has the pleasure of speaking to large and appreciative audiences, nightly. He shows himself to be a finely educated gentleman. Owing to the interest taken in his effort, the term of his series of meetings is at present somewhat indefinite.

Rev. Mr. Bashor still continues to draw crowded houses at the Union church and is making many converts. Success seems to be crowing his efforts.

J. P. WOLFE.

April 18, 1888.

## Pastoral Items.

I am still trying to fill my appointments on the circuit regularly, but have not held a series of meetings of more than a few days at any point yet, but will, the Lord willing begin protracted work soon.

At the regular meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, the 15th, inst., several who came forward at the January meeting at that place desired to be baptized. Feeling somewhat indisposed, and Bro. Rittenhouse not being there, I asked them if they would defer the work until next morning in the hope that I might feel better. They answered "yes, we will wait until morning." Accordingly we met at the water-side Monday morning, the 16th, to baptize Miss Belle Keller, Miss Nora Belle Kizer, and Miss Lula Dickerson. When Miss Keller stepped into the water, another young lady by the name of Smith, of whose intention no one but herself seemed to know, began to get ready to step in next. Being hindered by stern remonstrance, she could not be the second, but by the help of

God she bravely faced all opposition and was the third one baptized. May God bless people who thus put their trust in Him.

Yesterday was the regular meeting at College, Ind., the congregation was large and the interest good and the church rejoiced over the addition of two more to her number. These two are brother and sister Loshee, of Somerset, who were until yesterday members of the German Baptist church. Hope they will find the Brethren church a pleasant home.

J. H. SWIHART.

Rossville, Ind., April 23, 1888.

## Flora, Ind.

On the 15th of April the Brethren's Church at this place was formally opened.

I have much more charity for Jonah now than I used to. Do not blame him for wanting to run away when he looked over to Ninevah and saw the responsibility that would be upon him if he went there. Jonah was human and so am I. He trembled and I shook. After the services were over and all passed of pleasantly, I just extended my hand back over two thousand years and, within, I said here Jonah you have my hand, forgive me for caricaturing your cowardice, accept my sympathies, then I felt greatly relieved.

The Brethren at this place have had a hard struggle, but the Master will pull them through grandly. They have a house that is truly a credit to the flourishing city of Flora. The building has a seating capacity of about three hundred and fifty. Is finely finished and the brethren may truly be proud of their house of worship.

The meetings have been in progress during the week, good interest, and although in a busy time of the year, yet have large congregations. Yesterday was a glorious feast. Two have united with us thus far and others are counting the cost.

We are expecting Bro. A. A. Cober to be here this week. I am looking forward with joy to our meeting again, for Bro. A. A. is a man "after my own heart."

Pray for the cause at this place and for us that strength may be given to carry on the work to victory. More anon. Yours for the Master's sake.

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

April 23, 1888.

## Mt. Pleasant, Ind.

Bro. Editor:—Although you disregarded our emphatic injunction not to publish our name in connection with our articles more than a year since, not seeing any church news from this point, we write once more, trusting you will be more kind this time.

We are still holding on to Christ and the gospel, and battling with the world, the flesh and the devil, as God gives us strength.

Bro. Hildebrand being absent, engaged in a special effort for the salvation of souls at Flora, Ind. His regular appointments at

this place on yesterday and last night, were filled in the morning by Bro. Isaac, and in the evening by Bro. Addison Michael, two young brethren in nature as they are also brethren in Christ.

We have preaching regularly every two weeks, on Sabbath mornings and evenings, by our pastor, E. L. Hildebrand. For a half hour before the evening service we engage in a song and prayer service. On the alternate Sabbath evenings we have our regular prayer meeting, led by whoever may be appointed.

Brethren and sisters let us arouse to a sense of the vast importance of prayer meetings to the welfare of the church and encourage and sustain them by our presence if nothing more.

We reorganized our S. S. at the beginning of the quarter with Bro. Isaac Michael for Supt.; Bro. Oliver Crouse for Assistant; sister Mary Clark, Secretary and Treasurer, and sister Rosie Beisel, Organist.

We are laboring under discouraging circumstances at present, as regards both the S. S. and prayer meeting, but our trust is in God and if He be for us who can be against us.

IDA M. M.

Cambria, Ind.

## Milledgeville, Ill.

The sisters of the Bethlehem church met Feb. 23rd, at the Bethlehem church to take in consideration the object of organizing a S. S. C. E. We finally decided to organize, and the following officers were elected: Lizzie Fike, President; Binnie Livengood, Vice President; Ida Fike, Sec.; Sue Livengood, Treas.; Binnie Livengood and Hattie Shelly were appointed executive committee; Sue Livengood and Ida Fike for soliciting committee; Lizzie Fike, Binnie Livengood and Mattie Shelly for program committee. The National Constitution and By-laws was adopted. We pay 60 cents for this year as the Society was not organized the first of the year, but after this year we will pay one dollar. We organized with six members. We have had our second meeting and now have eighteen members. Thus far we have done nothing but organize, take in new members, and discuss the best methods of advancing the good of the Society. But till our next meeting we intend to have a special program. We have our meetings at the church the first Saturday afternoon of each month. We expect to make these meetings a success, at least we will try to make them a power for good.

IDA FIKE, Sec.

He is the richest who is content with the least; for content is the wealth of nature.—Socrates.

We are in hot haste to set the world right and to order all affairs; the Lord hath the leisure of conscious power and unerring wisdom, and it will be well for us to learn to wait.—C. H. Spurgeon.